

Table B-9. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients, by amount owed for undergraduate loan and major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Amount owed		
		Less than \$10,000	\$10,000-24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	708,900	512,700	156,700	39,500
Major type				
Total science.....	593,800	430,400	131,400	32,000
Total engineering.....	115,100	82,300	25,400	7,500
Major field				
Computer and information sciences.....	41,000	32,500	6,700	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	139,000	98,600	32,300	8,100
Agricultural and food sciences.....	14,000	10,900	2,500	S
Biological sciences.....	115,300	80,500	27,600	7,100
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	9,700	7,100	2,200	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	26,800	20,000	5,900	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,600	26,600	8,000	2,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	14,700	4,200	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	9,200	6,700	2,100	S
Physics and astronomy.....	6,900	4,900	1,700	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	138,000	99,100	31,800	7,100
Social and related sciences, total.....	212,400	153,600	46,700	12,100
Economics.....	33,300	25,100	7,300	S
Political science and related sciences.....	72,900	51,900	17,000	4,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	66,900	47,300	14,700	4,900
Other social sciences.....	39,300	29,400	7,700	S
Engineering, total.....	115,100	82,300	25,400	7,500
Aerospace and related engineering.....	3,000	2,100	700	200
Chemical engineering.....	11,600	8,100	2,800	700
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,700	15,200	4,300	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	32,900	23,300	7,600	2,000
Industrial engineering.....	5,800	4,200	1,400	S
Mechanical engineering.....	27,900	20,200	5,700	2,000
Other engineering.....	13,200	9,100	2,800	1,200

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997